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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS RE THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY

1. THE PRESIDENT THIS AFTERNOON MADE A SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT ON THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, AND AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ TOOK QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS THEREAFTER. THE SESSION WENT WELL.

2. I HAVE SET UP A COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO WORK ON RATIFICATION MATTERS, WITH BEN READ AS CHAIRMAN AND AMB. DAVID POPPER AS VICE CHAIRMAN.

3. WE ARE BEGINNING PREPARATIONS FOR A HOUSE MERCHANT MARINE COMMITTEE HEARING CALLED BY CHAIRMAN MURPHY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, ON VARIOUS TREATY MATTERS.

4. STILL UNDER STUDY IS HOW AND WHERE THE PRESIDENT AND
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TORRIJOS SHOULD SIGN THE COMPLETED DOCUMENTS.

5. WORK ON THE DETAILED LANGUAGE IS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN PANAMA, AND WE HOPE FOR CONCLUSION SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

6. MEANWHILE, WE ARE ASKING OUR AMBASSADORS IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO SEEK AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENTS FROM

HEMISPHERE CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT, SINCE THESE WILL OBVIOUS-
LY BE HELPFUL TO US HERE.

7. FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THIS AFTERNOON,
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S
PRESS OFFICE IN YOUR NAME:

BEGIN TEXT: "I WAS GREATLY PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE AGREE-
MENT IN PRINCIPLE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. AND
PANAMA ON BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE NEW TREATIES GOVERNING
THE PANAMA CANAL. U.S. AMBASSADORS ELLSWORTH BUNKER AND
SOL LINOWITZ HAVE LABORED LONG AND HARD WITH THEIR
PANAMANIAN COUNTERPARTS TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL
ASSURE AN OPEN, EFFICIENTLY OPERATED, NEUTRAL AND SECURE
CANAL. THEY DESERVE OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR THEIR
EXCEPTIONAL WORK IN ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN OUR NATION'S SECURITY AND ENHANCE
OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS."
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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